

Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., Ltd., report:—

Oats.—Consignments have been coming forward more freely during the past week. Prime Gartons and Sparrow-bills are in fair demand with shippers, but medium and discolored lots are not readily quitted. The quantity on offer has not been heavy, as many growers prefer to store for a time in anticipation of better prices later in the season. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 10d to 1s 10½d; good to best feed, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 8d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The quantity of prime milling wheat on offer is now becoming smaller, and prime lots are in good demand. Prices show no quotable change, but sales are more readily effected. Medium lots are not in request. Fowl wheat is offering more freely, and has only limited inquiry. Good whole wheat, free from smut, is in fair demand, but smutted, shrivelled, and damaged lines have little attention. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 9½d to 3s 10d; velvet, to 3s 11d; medium to good, 3s 8d to 3s 9d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Moderate supplies are coming forward, and there is no alteration in prices to report. Prime, well-picked samples suitable for shipment meet a ready sale on arrival, but medium and blighted lots are more difficult to dispose of. We quote: Prime Up-to-dates, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s inferior and blighted, £2 10s to £3 5s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Consignments have been light during the week, and in the face of a good demand last week's prices are fully maintained. Medium quality is now more saleable, although prime samples are still in most request. Inferior lots are not asked for. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £3 2s 6d to £3 7s 6d; inferior and discolored, £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—The market is over-supplied with wheaten straw, which is slow of sale at from 25s to 27s 6d; oaten, 30s to 32s 6d per ton (pressed).

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

Oats.—Holders are firm and more inclined to store than sell at present. Lines offering at market rates are readily taken for North Island shipment and local demand. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 10d to 1s 10½d; good to best feed, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; inferior to medium, 1s 6½d to 1s 7½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is firm at late quotations, and anything up to milling quality is readily taken. Fowl wheat is plentiful, and prices show a decline. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; extra choice velvet, to 3s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; broken and damaged, 2s to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Prime Up-to-Dates, well sorted, are in request, but anything at all blighted is slow of sale. We quote: Prime Up-to-Dates, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £2 to £2 5s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The market is firm for the best, and consignments of that quality meet with ready sale at quotations. For light to inferior the demand is not strong, and lower prices have to be taken. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; medium to good, £2 17s 6d to £3 2s 6d; inferior, £1 15s to £3.

Straw.—Oaten, 25s to 27s 6d; wheaten, 25s (pressed, ex truck).

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report:—

For last Saturday's sale there was a very good entry, composed principally of heavy draught mares and geldings. The attendance of the public was excellent, and included most of the town carters and contractors as well as a large number of farmers on the look-out for horses for plough work. Consequently we have to report a good trade. The principal feature of the sale was a magnificent waggon team from Dunback. The horses (all geldings) composing it being tip-top heavy shafters from 5 to 7 years old, and this team was picked up by an Australian buyer at prices ranging up to £45. The consignment from Ashburton was composed of really first-class mares and geldings, and for these competition was very good, and they sold readily at prices ranging at up to £42 10s. At the present time we note a very keen demand for good young draught mares and geldings, and during the past week we have sold three shipments for export at prices ranging up to £48.

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HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

The following further particulars regarding the triennial movable meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society, forwarded by our Wellington correspondent, came to hand on Wednesday morning:—

On Saturday, April 2, the delegates were taken for a drive, the route being via Hutt. On the way out the Woollen Company's and Gear Company's Works were inspected, and, thanks to the courtesy of these companies, the delegates were highly pleased and impressed with what they had seen. Lunch was partaken of at Bellevue Gardens. Mason's Gardens were also visited, and on the return journey afternoon tea was served at Mr. Hodgins' Hotel, Lower Hutt.

At the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday about 200 Hibernians, including representatives from Wellington, Newtown, and Hutt branches, as well as the ladies' branch, received Holy Communion. After Mass a procession was formed, and all marched to Carroll's Tea Rooms for breakfast, which was under the management of lady friends of the Hibernians. At the conclusion, a procession was again formed, which proceeded to the Sacred Heart Basilica for half-past 10 o'clock Mass. In the afternoon the delegates and their friends and members of the different branches, in four brakes, were driven round the Queen's Drive to the Sacred Heart Convent, where afternoon tea was served. The Home of Compassion was also visited, and in the evening all attended devotions at St. Gerard's Church (Redemptorist). Sermons during the morning and evening were appropriately preached by the Rev. Fathers C. J. Venning, Herbert, S.M., and Creagh, C.S.S.R.

Taumarunui

The bazaar which was organised for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the Catholic church and presbytery at Taumarunui was opened on Saturday, March 26, and continued on the following Monday and Tuesday (says the local Press). It has proved the means of bringing together a large number of persons from distant parts of Father Molloy's extensive parish, and uniting for a worthy object people of many different religious persuasions. A management committee, consisting of Messrs. E. Irvine, Gavin, Dunster, Monnock, and O'Hanlon, with Mr. C. J. Ryan as secretary, are to be credited with the general arrangements, which were very complete. On Saturday evening, when the formal opening took place, the hall presented a most animated scene. Mr. Jennings, in a very appropriate and graceful little speech, congratulated the promoters of the bazaar on the success that had attended their efforts. He thanked them for the honor they had done him in inviting him to be present, and said that one of the most pleasing features in connection with these functions was the assistance rendered by the members of various denominations to each other. This spirit of mutual help was always characteristic of early New Zealand life, and he was pleased to find it so strongly evidenced in Taumarunui. The following is a list of stallholders, etc.:—Art stall, Mrs. Dixon; jumble stall, Mesdames G. H. Thompson and Maher; plain needlework, Mrs. Tuohy (Manunui) and Miss Tuohy (Auckland); lollie stall, Misses R. Thompson and R. Clarke; soft drinks, Miss Dunne; produce stall, Mrs. Thomas and Miss Kearney; refreshment stall, Mesdames McGrane and Moore; shooting gallery, Mr. Schellack; bran dip, Mrs. O'Donnell. The total receipts were £131, and with the proceeds of the art union a sum of £230 will probably be realised. A number of young ladies from Auckland gave valuable assistance at the bazaar. They were Misses A. and M. Courteny, M. and E. McGuire, and M. Dunne. They came from Pongsonby, one of Auckland's suburban parishes, in which Father Molloy labored for two years. On Sunday they were treated to a very pleasant outing at Piriaka, and on Monday they had another enjoyable picnic at Kakahi. On Monday evening the officials of the bazaar entertained them in Mr. Riche's hall. Mr. A. J. Whittaker very generously gave the use of the hall entirely free of charge for the bazaar. The band also performed gratuitously on the three separate evenings.

Manaiia

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The usual Holy Week devotions were held at the Sacred Heart Church. On Holy Thursday a 'Missa Cantata' was celebrated by Rev. Father Bergin, the music being excellently sung by the choir. Seventeen children made their First Communion, and a larger number of adults approached the Holy Table. On Good Friday a very large congregation assembled for the Mass of the Presanctified and the adoration of the Cross. In the afternoon there was the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. A very impressive sermon was preached in the evening by Rev. Father Bergin. On Holy Saturday there was a 'Missa Cantata.' On Easter Sunday early Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Bergin at Kiawa, a large number receiving Holy Com-